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H. R. 5692

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOHMERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Columbia Space Shut-
5 tle Memorial Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) MEMORIAL.—The term “memorial” means
2 a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia the suit-
3 ability and feasibility of the establishment of which
4 is a subject of the study under section 3(a).

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
7 rector of the National Park Service.

8 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF SUITABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ES-**
9 **TABLISHING MEMORIALS TO THE SPACE**
10 **SHUTTLE COLUMBIA.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
12 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
13 Act, the Secretary shall carry out a study to determine
14 the suitability and feasibility of establishing, as a unit or
15 units of the National Park System on land in the State
16 of Texas described in subsection (b) on which large debris
17 from the Space Shuttle Columbia was recovered, memo-
18 rials to the Space Shuttle Columbia. The Secretary shall
19 only consider those lands that would be donated for pur-
20 poses of establishing a park unit or units.

21 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcels of land re-
22 ferred to in subsection (a) are—

23 (1) the parcel of land owned by the Fredonia
24 Corporation, located at the southeast corner of the

1 intersection of East Hospital Street and North Fre-
2 donia Street, Nacogdoches, Texas;

3 (2) the parcel of land owned by Temple Inland
4 Inc., 10 acres of a 61-acre tract bounded by State
5 Highway 83 and Bayou Bend Road, Hemphill,
6 Texas;

7 (3) the parcel of land owned by the city of
8 Lufkin, Texas, located at City Hall Park, 301
9 Charlton Street, Lufkin, Texas; and

10 (4) the parcel of land owned by San Augustine
11 County, Texas, located at 1109 Oaklawn Street, San
12 Augustine, Texas.

13 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—In carrying out the study, the
14 Secretary may assume that, if established after completion
15 of the study, each memorial may be administered by the
16 Secretary.

17 (d) ADDITIONAL SITES.—The Secretary may rec-
18 ommend to Congress additional sites in the State of Texas
19 relating to the Space Shuttle Columbia for establishment
20 as memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia.

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